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- 17. The apparatus as recited in claim 14, wherein the processor is further configured to:
 - drop at least a packet of data of said packets of data in said queue to determine a new queue of packets of data; and determine a new data rate for transmission of said new 5

queue of packets of data, wherein said new data rate is lower than said data rate for transmission of the packets

- 18. The apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to determine a new duration for use of said determined new data rate for transmissions of the packets of data based on the arrangement of said packets of data in said new queue.
- 19. A non-transitory computer readable medium for determining a data rate for reverse link communication from a mobile station to a base station, encoded with a computer program comprising:
 - code for determining packets of data for transmission from the mobile station for a number of communication recined in comprises:
 - code for determining a transmission deadline of each of said packets of data;
 - code for arranging the packets of data in a queue for transmission in accordance with said determined transmission deadline;
 - code for determining a data rate for transmission of the packets of data based on the arrangement of said packets of data in said queue allowing for meeting the transmission deadline for each of said packets of data;
 - code for determining a duration for use of said data rate for transmissions of the packets of data based on the arrangement of said packets of data in said queue;
 - code for communicating said data rate for transmission of the packets of data and said duration for use of said data rate from said mobile station to said base station; and

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- code for receiving, at said mobile station from said base station, a congestion level alert when it is determined that available resources disallow for allocation at said base station for transmission from said mobile station at said data rate for transmission of the packets of data and for said duration for use of said data rate.
- 20. The non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 19, wherein the computer program further comprises:
- code for communicating said determined duration from said mobile station to said base station.
- 21. The non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 19, wherein the computer program further comprises:
 - code for determining whether the available resources allows for allocation at said base station for transmission from said mobile station at said data rate for transmission of the packets of data.
- 22. The non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 19, wherein the computer program further
 - code for dropping at least a packet of data of said packets of data in said queue to determine a new queue of packets of data; and
 - code for determining a new data rate for transmission of said new queue of packets of data, wherein said new data rate is lower than said data rate for transmission of the packets of data.
- 23. The non-transitory computer readable medium is recited in claim 22, wherein the computer program further comprises:
 - code for determining a new duration for use of said determined new data rate for transmissions of the packets of data based on the arrangement of said packets of data in said new queue.